

12 Days

## Mysterious China with Yangtze Cruise

SUPER VALUE TOUR 2019

### CITIES

Shanghai | Yangtze Cruise | Shanghai | Xian | Beijing

### HOTELS

3 nts at Shanghai New Century Manju or similar in Shanghai.  
 3 nts on board the Yangtze Cruise.  
 2 nts at Titan Central Park or similar in Xi'an.  
 3 nts at 5L or similar in Beijing.

### MEALS

#### Enjoy American Buffet Breakfast Everyday

Bread, Butter, Jam, Cereal, Eggs, Fruits, Milk, Tea, Coffee and Juice

Enjoy Lunches and Dinners prepared by your very own chef in China (except 1 Night Shanghai & 3 Nights Yangtze Cruise).

Enjoy 1 Indian Dish and Masala Tea during Breakfast prepared by your very own chef in China(except 1 Night Shanghai & 3 Nights Yangtze Cruise)

Enjoy local Chinese Meals onboard the Yangtze River cruise & Packed Meals in Chongqing & Shanghai.

### SIGHTSEEING

**Yangtze Cruise** • Shore Excursion to Shiboazhai • Captain's Welcome Party onboard • Shore Excursion to the Three Gorges Dam • Bullet Train to Shanghai.

**Shanghai** • Guided City tour • Photo stop at the Yu Yuan gardens • Visit the Jade Buddha Temple • Photo stop at the Oriental Pearl TV tower • Experience the Acrobatic Show.

**Xi'an** • Visit the Terracotta Warriors • See the Wild Goose Pagoda • See the Bell Tower • Photo stop of the Xi'an city wall.

**Beijing** • Visit the Great Wall of China at Badaling with return cable car • Visit the Summer Palace • Photo stop at Olympic Park • Visit the Tiananmen Square • Visit the Forbidden City • Visit the Temple of Heaven • Experience the Golden Mask Show • Experience the Taichi.

**SUGGESTED EXCURSIONS** • Tang Dynasty Xi'an Price: Adult USD 60 | Child USD 60 • Huangpu River Cruise Shanghai Price: Adult USD 45 | Child USD 45.

B - Breakfast • PL - Packed Lunch • L - Lunch • CL - Chinese Lunch • D - Dinner • CD - Chinese Dinner

#### Day 1 Shanghai

Arrive into Shanghai. You will be transferred to your hotel. Check-in **anytime after 1500 hrs.** Shanghai, is China's largest city and a global financial hub. Its heart is the Bund, a famed waterfront promenade lined with colonial-era buildings. Across the Huangpu River rises the Pudong district's futuristic skyline, including the 632m. Shanghai Tower and the Oriental Pearl TV Tower. Overnight in Shanghai. (D)

#### Day 2 Shanghai-Chongqing

Today, we drive to the airport for our flight to Chongqing. On arrival, we proceed to the wharf to board the scenic Yangtze River cruise. Overnight in the comfort of your Cabin. (B, CD)



Yangtze River cruise

#### Day 3 Shore Excursion

Today, enjoy breakfast on board the cruise. Relax on the deck and enjoy the scenic beauty as your cruise ship sails through Shiboazhai. Enjoy a shore excursion of Shiboazhai. Have an enjoyable time at Captain's Welcome Party as your ship anchors at Wanxian for the night. Overnight in the comfort of your Cabin. (B, CL, CD)

#### Day 4 On Board the Cruise

Today, as you enjoy breakfast, we pass through Qutang Gorge and Wu Gorge. Disembark for a shore excursion of the Shennong Gorges. Later we sail into the west section of the third gorge of the Yangtze River - The Xiling Gorge after which your ships passes through the 5 stage shiplock. Overnight in the comfort of your Cabin. (B, CL, CD)

#### Day 5 Three Gorges Dam

Today, we disembark the cruise and visit the Three Gorges Dam. Later we drive to Yichang to board our bullet train to Shanghai. Overnight in Shanghai. (B, PD)

#### Day 6 Shanghai

Today you will be taken on a guided city tour of Shanghai with photo stops at the Oriental Pearl TV Tower with its distinctive pink spheres and at the Yu Yuan Garden, a traditional Chinese park with beautiful pavilions, miniature lakes and bridges. You will visit the famous Jade Buddha Temple, which was built in 1882. This temple has two Jade statues of the Sakyamuni Buddha and houses various ancient sculptures, rare paintings and



Buddhist scriptures. In the evening prepare to be spellbound by witnessing the Acrobatic show, showcasing the traditional martial art. Overnight in Shanghai. (B, L, D)

**Day 7 Shanghai - Xi'an**

This morning you take a flight to Xian. On arrival in Xian, there is a stop for a photo opportunity of the City Wall of Xi'an, built during the Tang dynasty. You are also driven past the Big Wild Goose Pagoda (also called Giant Wild Goose Pagoda). As the symbol of the old-line Xian, this Pagoda is a well-preserved ancient building and a holy place for Buddhists. Overnight in Xi'an. (B, PL, D)

**Day 8 Xian**

Today begins with a tour of Xi'an. Visit the Terracotta Warriors, a collection of over 6000 terracotta moulded soldiers, officers, horses and wagons depicting the army of Qin Shi Huang, the first Emperor of China. The Terracotta Army was constructed beside the tomb of China's First Emperor as an afterlife guard for the Emperor. Overnight in Xi'an. (B, PL, D)

**Day 9 Xian - Beijing**

Today you board your bullet train, one of the best ways to travel to Beijing, the capital of the People's Republic of China and the world's second most populous city. On arrival we check-in to your hotel (after 1500 hrs). Overnight in Beijing. (B, PL, D)

**Day 10 Beijing**

Today you are taken on a tour of the Great Wall of China at the Badaling section, Badaling is the only place on the Great Wall



that you can take a cable car which offers you a panoramic view of this majestic structure. This 3,946-mile wall is a symbol of China's ancient civilization and ranks among the greatest monuments in history. In the afternoon, your tour continues to the Summer Palace and its immense gardens, where the imperial court resided during summer. Overnight in Beijing. (B, PL, D)

**Day 11 Beijing**

Today you go on a guided city tour of Beijing, which is conducted by an English-speaking guide. The first stop is at the Temple of Heaven - the temple where emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties came to worship the God of Heaven and pray for good harvests. The highlight of this tour is the blue tile-roofed Hall of Prayer. Later we also experience the Taichi, it lets you practice tai chi in the grand surroundings of the Temple of Heaven and explore some of the country's best-preserved classical designs. You will also see Tiananmen Square, the largest square in the world and you will then visit the Forbidden City, an awesome 250-acre complex of palaces, pavilions and gardens. Later there is a stop for a photo opportunity at the 'Olympic Park' - the symbolic stadium where the 2008 Olympics were held. Overnight in Beijing. (B, PL, D)

**Day 12 Return Home**

Today you are driven to the airport for your flight back home. We hope you take back many happy memories of your holiday. We would like you to write and tell us how you enjoyed yourself and give us your suggestions. (B)



12 Days Mysterious China with Yangtze Cruise Tour Price		
Adult in Twin	Child with Bed*	Child without Bed**
USD 2,250	USD 2,250	USD 1,550

Single room supplement USD 850 per person. \* \*As a 3rd in a triple, a roll away cot may be provided. • \*\*As a 3rd in a double, no bed or cot will be provided to the child. Person below 12 years will be considered as a Child.

**Visa Requirements:** You must be in possession of a Single Entry Visa for China. The cost of this visa is not included in your package tour price. It would be best to check with your travel agent and the consulates nearest to you for advice and information. Please ensure that your travel documents are ready in time for departure.

**Ticketing Requirements:** To participate on this tour, you need to be in possession of valid air ticket for travel within China apart from your international tickets for the following sector: Shanghai / Xian. It is mandatory to purchase this internal ticket through SOTC. The cost of this internal tickets is USD 150 per person which has to be paid at the time of booking the tour.

Month	Departure dates	Month	Departure dates
April 2019	25	July 2019	25
May 2019	16, 23, 30	August 2019	22
June 2019	6, 20	September 2019	12, 19

\*Day 1 as mentioned in your day to day itinerary.

Hotels / Flights / Itinerary / Route are subject to change without notice.

Please refer to page no xx for what your tour price includes & does not include.

## Important Information for your Holidays

### WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES



Accommodation

- Accommodation at the hotels mentioned or similar.



Services

- Meals, coach tours, transfers, entrance fees, sightseeing and surface transportation as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Services of our Tour Manager or Local Representatives. (Subject to minimum 20 full-paying passengers travelling together for Asia).
- Services of our Tour Manager or Local Representatives. (Subject to minimum 30 full-paying passengers travelling together for China, Japan, Korea & Vietnam, Cambodia).
- The tour price is applicable provided there are more than 30 adult passengers travelling on tour, else an FIT supplement may be applicable.

### WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE



Exclusions

- Airfare, Airport Tax, Visas, Overseas Travel Insurance, Porterage, laundry, telephone charges, all items of personal nature and also food and drinks not forming part of the group menus.
- Cost of the Suggested Excursions.
- Any increase in the rate of exchange leading to an increase in all land arrangement which may come in to effect prior to departure.
- **Mandatory Cruise Gratuities of Singapore Dollar (SGD) 21 per person per night is to be paid by the passenger on board the Genting Dream Cruise in Singapore.**
- **Mandatory Cruise Gratuities of Hong Kong Dollar (HKD) 120 per person per night is to be paid by the passenger on board the World Dream Cruise in Hong Kong.**
- **Mandatory Malaysian Tourism Tax of Malaysian Ringgits (RM) 10 per room per night is to be paid by the passenger directly at the hotel in Kuala Lumpur.**
- **Mandatory Langkawi Heritage Tax of Malaysian Ringgits (RM) 5 per room per night is to be paid by the passenger directly at the hotel in Langkawi.**
- **Mandatory tips of USD 2 per person per day for Asia towards tips to be paid to Tour Manager.**
- **Mandatory tips of USD 4 per person per day for China, Korea, Vietnam & Cambodia and USD 5 per person per day for Japan towards tips to be paid to Tour Manager.**
- Anything not specifically mentioned in 'What your Tour Price includes' box.
- If there are less than 15 adult passengers travelling on a group departure, all applicable transfers including the cross country transfers will be on Seat-in-Coach (SIC) basis.

• **Surcharges applicable during Peak and Event periods.**

## Handy Tips - Asia

### ON ARRIVAL INTO ASIA



- All passengers will be met by SOTC Tour Manager / Local Representative outside the arrival hall at the airport.

### BAGGAGE REGULATIONS AND SOME RECOMMENDATIONS



- Airlines allow maximum of 20 kgs per person as check-in baggage. One small handbag is allowed per person as cabin baggage, which should not weight more than 5 kgs.
- We suggest that you carry 01 set of clothes along with your daily utility items and other accessories in your hand baggage. This is just a precautionary measure in case your baggage is misplaced.
- Please note that airlines do not permit items like loose batteries, razor blades, nail cutter, scissors, knives, gels, any form of liquid, cigarette lighter in your hand baggage. If required carry such items in your check-in bag.
- Please ensure that you do not place any valuables in your check-in bag. Carry your foreign currency / travel documents / jewelry / insurance in your hand bag.
- Kindly note that heavy luggage cannot be carried up to the Genting hotels by cable-cars. You can store heavy luggage in lockers provided by Genting management. It is advisable to pack separately for your stay at Genting in a separate hand bag, which you can carry along with you. For more details please check with your Tour Manager.
- Please carry a Small Bag for Packing clothes for 3 Days in Japan as the big luggage is not allowed in the Bullet Train and will be transferred on Day 2 of Japan & received on Day 5.

### MEALS



- You have a choice of Jain / Veg / non-veg meals. The menus, however, are fixed in advance and a la carte is not possible. A combination of Indian and local meals is not possible.
- In some cities you may be provided local meals.
- Most lunches and dinner are unlimited buffets in China & Table service for Japan, but it is requested that you do not waste food.
- If there is any early morning departure to the airport a box breakfast may be provided.

### TOUR MANAGER / LOCAL GUIDES



- The SOTC Tour Manager is your guide and friend on tour. To compliment the services of our highly trained Tour Managers, we employ an expert local guide to go through the sightseeing attractions in specific cities.
- We request you to kindly cooperate with them and abide with his/her instructions for a memorable tour.

### HOTELS & ROOMS



- Your hotels have been specially chosen, keeping in mind the location and space availability.
- Early check-in and late check-out will not be permitted by the hotel.
- Most hotels offer the facility of complimentary safe deposit lockers (few hotels charge a refundable deposit). We advice that you keep all your valuables like money, passport, tickets and jewelry in the locker, in case you are staying for more than one day at the hotel.
- Please make sure that no damages are done to your hotel room during the stay, as the same would be charged to you directly by the hotel.



- Hotel rooms are air-conditioned and may have facilities like mini-bar, pay television channels, telephones etc. Please note that these facilities are not complimentary and will be charged as per actual usage.
- Please note that we will try our best to provide you with adjacent rooms that have been asked by you at the time of booking, but the same will be subject to availability at the time of check-in. It is also difficult to provide interconnecting rooms, however the tour manager and the hotel will try their best to ensure that you are provided with adjacent rooms wherever possible.

#### CLOTHING



- Carry 4/5 pairs of comfortable clothes like jeans/trousers, shirts/t-shirts, short pants, Punjabi suits/saris and necessary undergarments.
- You must carry sunglasses, a folding umbrella, swim wear and comfortable footwear preferably walking shoes.
- In China carry enough pair of comfortable clothes like jeans/trousers, shirts/t-shirts, short pants, Punjabi suits, saris, comfortable walking shoes. Warm clothing like sweaters, thermals are essential if you are traveling during winters. Trousers/Punjabis suits are necessary for women, since many temples are forbidden to those who wear skirts.
- In Japan carry lightweight cottons and linens are recommended throughout summer. Warm clothing like sweaters, thermal wear, gloves and boots are essential if you are traveling during winters.

#### TIPPING POLICY



- Tipping in Far East is something that is expected of anyone providing you a service, for example: your Coach Driver, Local Guides, Tour Managers etc. It is mandatory to tip US\$3 per person per day for the duration of the tour.
- For tipping in China/Japan/Vietnam/ Cambodia please refer to the Price Grid page of the respective itinerary.

#### TIME MANAGEMENT



- Its very important to be on time and punctual on your tour, since your itinerary has been designed and planned to offer you the most on your holiday.
- Every sightseeing trip where you get off has an allotted time, please make sure you remain with the group and return at the allotted time. Any delay would actually deprive the entire group of their sightseeing time.

#### ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO BE CARRIED



- Your passport, air tickets, original insurance policy, final Invoice, Tour Confirmation Voucher and necessary foreign exchange for personal use.
- Also carry a photocopy of your passport including valid visas and keep them separately from the original.
- Please do not forget to carry an additional pair of spectacles if you are using one, digital camera chips with higher MB, extra batteries, chargers for digital camera and mobile.
- Carry mobile phone charger if you are carrying your cell phone with global roaming. You should carry multi-purpose adapter as sockets are different in different countries.
- Required medicines, with doctor's prescription.
- Most hotels do not provide hot water kettle and the same needs to be carried with you along with tea bags, sugar etc. in case you wish to make tea/coffee in the room. Please ensure that no damage occur to the hotel property.

#### COACH



- Since most of your travel within would be by coach, we have carefully chosen air conditioned coaches for your convenience and comfort.
- It is very important to maintain a pleasant environment on coach and keep the coach neat and clean. Please do not eat foodstuff in the coach.
- We regret that, in the interest of fellow customers, smoking and drinking alcoholic beverages is not permitted on the coach.

#### CURRENCY



THAILAND Baht (THB) = 100 Satangs.  
Notes : 500,100,50,20,10. Coins : 10, 5, 1 and 50

MALAYSIA Ringgit (MYR) = 100 Sen.  
Notes : 1000, 500,100,50,20,10, 5 and 1.  
Coins : 1 and 50, 20, 10, 5 and 1

SINGAPORE Dollar (SGD) = 100 Cents.  
Notes : 500,100,50,20,10, 5 and 1.  
Coins : 1 and 50, 20, 10, 5 and 1

HONGKONG Dollar (HKD) = 100 cents  
Notes : 1000, 500,100,50,20,10.  
Coins : 10, 5, 2 & 1 and 50, 20, 10

- Avoid changing money at the hotels since they offer a very poor rate of exchange.
- Use all loose coins and smaller denomination notes in the same country as these cannot be exchanged for another country's currency.
- Most credit cards and USD Travelers Cheques are accepted widely.
- You will require your passport as identification proof to encash your traveler's cheque

Average Temperature Chart (till Sept 2019) in degree celsius						
CITY	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
	Min/ Max	Min/ Max	Min/ Max	Min/ Max	Min/ Max	Min/ Max
Hong Kong	15/29	20 /32	23/33	23/33	24/33	22/33
Macao	20/24	24/28	26/31	27/32	27/32	26/30
Malaysia	24/32	24/32	23/32	23/32	23/32	23/32
Singapore	24/32	24/31	24/31	24/31	24/31	24/31
Thailand	27/34	27/33	27/33	26/32	26/32	25/32
Hanoi	22/28	24/32	26/33	26/33	26/33	25/32
Siem Reap	26/35	26/35	26/33	26/32	26/32	26/31
Osaka	10/20	15/25	20/28	24/32	25/33	21/29
Tokyo	10/19	15/23	19/26	23/29	24/31	21/27
Seoul	7/18	13/23	18/27	22/29	22/30	17/26
Shanghai	12/20	17/25	21/28	26/32	25/32	21/28
Beijing	8/21	14/27	19/30	22/31	21/30	15/26

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